

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A transport chair lift ~~with~~ comprising:
_____ a single overhead carrying-hauling rope and rope;
_____ fixed grips for securing the chairs, comprising in a terminal securing chairs to the rope;
and
_____ a terminal comprising:
_____ a bull-wheel on which the rope runs, and means for positioning the vertical-
axis bull-wheel on runs, the bull-wheel having a substantially horizontal orientation;
_____ a geared motor comprising an electric motor and speed reducer having a
coaxial shaft line extending perpendicularly to the bull-wheel in a substantially vertical
orientation;
_____ a support;
_____ a carriage mounted on a for movement on the support device; and
_____ positioning means that positions the carriage and bull-wheel for use as a drive
wheel driven by a the geared motor mechanism and/or as a tensioning wheel;
_____ wherein the geared motor mechanism comprises a coaxial shaft line extending
perpendicularly to the bull-wheel in a substantially vertical direction.

2. (Currently Amended) The chair lift according to claim 1, wherein the speed
reducer is a mechanical speed reducer and the geared motor mechanism is composed of an
electric motor and a and the mechanical speed reducer constituting two constitute independent
modules arranged on ~~each side~~ opposing sides of the bull-wheel.

3. (Currently Amended) The chair lift according to claim 2, wherein the electric
motor is coupled to a first high-speed output shaft of the motor that passes through a tubular

sheath securedly attached to the carriage, and that is coaxially surrounded by ~~the second~~
second hollow low-speed output shaft of the geared motor mechanism.

4. (Currently Amended) The chair lift according to claim 3, wherein the bull-wheel has a hub of the bull-wheel~~that~~ rotates around the sheath with interposed bearings
bearings, and comprises a drive sleeve connected to the second rotary shaft of the speed reducer.

5. (Currently Amended) The chair lift according to ~~claim 1~~claim 2, wherein the mechanical speed reducer ~~with~~includes gearing-down cog-wheels ~~wheels~~, and is situated
positioned above the bull-wheel and ~~opposite from the electric motor with respect to the~~in the vertical direction.

6. (Currently Amended) The chair lift according to claim 1, wherein the geared
~~motor mechanism comprises a motor~~electric motor includes ~~equipped with an~~ electronic speed control for direct drive of the bull-wheel.

7. (Currently Amended) The chair lift according to claim 1, wherein the bull-wheel ~~is equipped with~~ further includes a toothed ~~wheel designed to cooperate with~~wheel,
and the terminal further includes an emergency motor securedly attached to the ~~carriage~~carriage, for driving the toothed wheel.

8. (Currently Amended) The chair lift according to claim 1, wherein the support ~~device~~
~~comprises a base supporting fixed horizontal sections along which the carriage moves~~
~~by means of roller means~~on rollers.

9. (Currently Amended) The chair lift according to claim 8, ~~wherein the support~~
~~carriage of the bull-wheel is associated with~~ the terminal further comprising a tensioning device ~~acting in the~~that biases the carriage to move in a direction of ~~the~~a line to mechanically tension the rope.

10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A terminal of a transport chair lift including a single overhead carrying-hauling rope and fixed grips securing chairs to the rope, said terminal comprising:

a bull-wheel on which the rope runs, the bull-wheel having a substantially horizontal orientation;

a geared motor comprising an electric motor and speed reducer having a coaxial shaft line extending perpendicularly to the bull-wheel in a substantially vertical orientation;

a support;

a carriage mounted for movement on the support; and

positioning means that positions the carriage and bull-wheel for use as a drive wheel driven by the geared motor mechanism and/or as a tensioning wheel.

12. (New) The terminal according to claim 11, wherein the speed reducer is a mechanical speed reducer and the electric motor and the mechanical speed reducer constitute independent modules arranged on opposing sides of the bull-wheel.

13. (New) The terminal according to claim 12, wherein the electric motor is coupled to a first high-speed output shaft that passes through a tubular sheath securedly attached to the carriage, and that is coaxially surrounded by a second hollow low-speed output shaft of the geared motor mechanism.

14. (New) The terminal according to claim 13, wherein the bull-wheel has a hub that rotates around the sheath with interposed bearings, and comprises a drive sleeve connected to the second rotary shaft of the speed reducer.

15. (New) The terminal according to claim 12, wherein the mechanical speed reducer includes gearing-down cog-wheels, and is positioned above the bull-wheel opposite the electric motor in the vertical direction.

16. (New) The terminal according to claim 11, wherein the electric motor includes electronic speed control for direct drive of the bull-wheel.
17. (New) The terminal according to claim 11, wherein the bull-wheel further includes a toothed wheel, and the terminal further includes an emergency motor securedly attached to the carriage, for driving the toothed wheel.
18. (New) The terminal according to claim 11, wherein the support comprises a base supporting fixed horizontal sections along which the carriage moves on rollers.
19. (New) The terminal according to claim 18, the terminal further comprising a tensioning device that biases the carriage to move in a direction of a line to mechanically tension the rope.